

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012***

***Present: Selectmen: Tom Hayward, Michael Woodworth and John Gajewski. Others include: Paul LeBrun, Elliot Pope, Cathy Nelson, Rosanne Gilbert, Sue McKinnon, Clay Mitchell, and John Hayden.***

***Call to order at 6:35pm.***

The Selectmen reviewed and signed:

- Checks – Thurs. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>
- 2011 Audit Letter – Melanson Heath & Co
- School Tax Payments - November

The Selectmen decided to allow the Epilepsy Clothes Drop container to be put in the Town Hall parking lot.

Paul LeBrun, Elliot Pope, and Cathy Nelson met with the Board to discuss curbing the train whistle, at least, between 10 pm and 7 am. The group would like to contact the state for a study for a Quiet Zone (no whistle) to be done since the crossing has gates, bell and lights and is in a low traffic area. The railroad would also be notified by a letter with signatures. The group received the support of the Selectmen and will keep them updated.

Rosanne Gilbert and the Board discussed the P.D. Staffing issues:

- Compete on salaries (certified officers) with other towns, like Stratham.
- Non-certified officers – expense of salary and training.
- Hire more part-time officers with rate increase.

At 8:20 pm the Board entered into a non-public session to discuss a personnel matter under RSA91-A:33 II.

The Board came back into public session at 8:35pm.

Clay Mitchell and John Hayden met with the Selectmen to discuss the final draft of the letter and time frame for the vineyard, regarding the signage (30 days), lighting (30 days) and farm stand status (60 days), which will need proof of compliance or a variance obtained. Letter was mailed certified return receipt requested on Nov. 15, 2012.

Minutes of the November 1st meeting were read. John made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Michael. All were in favor and the motion carried.

At 9:10 pm, John made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Tom. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C. Newman  
Deputy Town Clerk